

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 5 and 7-8 remain in this application, where claim 4 had been previously canceled without prejudice, and claim 6 has been canceled and claims 7-8 have been added by this amendment. Claim 1 is independent.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 1 for a certain informality. Applicants respectfully traverse, however to advance prosecution, claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claim 1 is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 5-6 are objected to for being of improper dependent form for allegedly failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicants respectfully traverse, however to advance prosecution, claim 5 had been amended

for better form and claim 6 has been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claims 5-6 is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3 and 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over EP 0 888 035 (Hosokawa). Applicants respectfully traverse and submit that Claims 1, 3, and 5 are patentable over Hosokawa for at least the following reasons.

Hosokawa shows in FIGs 1-2 a wiring layer 5 formed in a planarization layer 6 formed on a substrate 1. As correctly noted on page 5 of the Office Action, page 20, lines 41-42 of Hosokawa disclose 10 μ m wide photoresist apertures (to be filled with Aluminum (Al) to form Al-lines) having a pitch of 100 μ m, resulting in 10% of the width of the substrate.

In stark contrast, the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, amongst other patentable elements requires (illustrative emphasis provided):

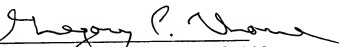
wherein a width of the metallic structure that obstructs the light from the observer is less than 10% of a width of the substrate.

A metallic structure with a width of less than 10% of the substrate width is nowhere taught or suggested in Hosokawa. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 should be allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 3, 5 and 7-8 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from amended independent claim 1.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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